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GLORIA MOLINA ESTABLISHES \$25,000 REWARD IN LUIS SANDOVAL GRAFFITI HOMICIDE

71-Year-Old Man Shot After Witnessing Local Graffiti Taggers in Act

LOS ANGELES (August 5, 2008)—Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina announced the establishment of a \$25,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrators responsible for the death of Luis Sandoval, a 71-year-old East Los Angeles resident who was shot after witnessing two males spray-painting graffiti on the side of a business. Mr. Sandoval eventually succumbed to his wounds and died.

“Luis Sandoval was a hard-working, retired steel worker with a large family who was simply on his way home—just four houses away from his own residence—when he was shot,” Molina said. “The pain his death caused his family is indescribable, and his only transgression was being at the wrong place at the wrong time. It is my sincere hope that this reward compels someone to bring information forward that will help us catch the people responsible for Mr. Sandoval’s murder.”

On February 25, 2007, Sandoval was riding his bicycle near the intersection of Olympic Boulevard and Hicks Avenue when he spotted two males tagging the walls of a local business. Upon being spotted by Sandoval, one of the men produced a hand gun and shot him in the abdomen. Both suspects then fled the scene in a white sedan heading east on Olympic Boulevard. Though Sandoval did not immediately die from his injuries, medical personnel confirmed that his death on June 13, 2007 was due to the bullet that hit him. The Sheriff’s Department held back on establishing a reward in this case until confirming with certainty that his death was directly due to his gunshot wound.

Anyone with information about the Sandoval case is urged to contact Detective Ken Perry with the Sheriff’s Homicide Bureau at (323) 574-3645.

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